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# **Chicago Style 18th Edition – Author-Date Version**

Commonly used in the social sciences, this version of Chicago style includes parenthetical citations with a reference list (note the term bibliography is not used). Sources are cited in the text, using parentheses surrounding the author's last name, the publication date, and page number(s) as available. In the reference list, the year of publication immediately follows the author's name. Examples in this guide will show how different resources are formatted both as in-text citations and reference list entries. See also The Chicago Manual of Style (CMOS 18) Author-Date Citation Quick Guide for more examples.

This guide has examples of the Author-Date System. The Chicago Manual of Style also has a Notes-Bibliography System that is intended for use in literature, history, and the arts. Though the two styles are very similar, there are important differences in how notes and bibliographies are formatted. Please view the SPARK Notes-Bibliography version document for examples in that style.

# Formatting Checklist (Author-Date Style)

- Each citation consists of two elements: a parenthetical (in-text) citation and a reference list entry.
- In-text citations include the author(s) last name, publication date, and applicable page numbers in parentheses.
- In-text citations have no punctuation between the author(s) name and date. Any added page numbers are separated with a comma following the date. Do not use the abbreviation "p." before page numbers. If page numbers are not available, abbreviations such as "para." (paragraph) or "chap." (chapter) can be used.
- If citing two or more works in one parenthetical citation, separate them with a semicolon. E.g. (Hetherington and Rudolph 2015; Grove 2015).
- If citing from a multi-volume work, include the volume number with a colon before the page number. E.g. (García 1987, 2:345).
- In reference lists, entries are listed alphabetically by author last name, then first name. For multiple authors, only the first author's name is inverted. The main elements are separated by periods. The publication date immediately follows the author(s) names.



- Where two or more works by different authors with the same last name are listed in a reference list, the in-text citation must include an initial (or two initials or a given name if necessary) to differentiate between them.
- If the author of the work is unknown, the reference list entry should begin with the title. In-text citations may use a short form of the title.
- If citing one or more works by the same author with the same publication date, use letters to distinguish entries, which are listed in alpha-numeric order in the reference list. In-text citations include the lettering. E.g. (Fogel 2004a, 218) or (Fogel 2004b, 145–46).
- In a reference list entry, when a date of publication includes the month and day, the year may be repeated. E.g. Gagnon, Lysiane. 2012. "The Protesters' Fellow Travellers." *Globe and Mail*, May 21, 2012.
- See also <u>The Chicago Manual of Style (CMOS 18) Author-Date Citation Quick Guide</u> for more examples.

# Changes in 18th Edition

- A place of publication is no longer required in citations of books in reference list entries.
- The page range for a cited chapter in an edited book, anthology, or compilation of essays is no longer required in a reference list entry (though a page range is still required for journal articles).
- For successive works by the same author(s) in a reference list, repeat the name of the author(s) for each entry rather than using a 3-em dash (———.) after the first iteration of the name(s).
- Up to six authors are now listed in a reference list entry; if more than six, only the first three are listed, followed by "et al." Previously, up to ten were listed.
- When citing a self-published book, it is no longer necessary to list a commercial distribution platform such as Amazon, Blurb, or Lulu Press.
- The phrase "published by the author" is now preferred over "self-published" when adding independently published books to reference lists.
- Edited by and the like are spelled out in reference lists. Translators, editors, etc. appear in the same order as on the title page of the original. For phrases like "Edited with an Introduction and Notes by" or "Translated with a Foreword by," simplify to "Edited by" or "Translated by."
- If the same person is cited as author and editor of a work, the name is given in full for both roles.
- For encyclopedia entries (online or print) the Latin abbreviation s.v. ("under the word") is no longer used before the name of the entry.
- For AI content, the publisher or developer is now cited as the author (e.g. OpenAI) in reference list entries, rather than the name of the tool (e.g. ChatGPT).
- For in-text citations with **more** than two authors (in previous editions it was more than three), only the name of the first author is used, followed by et al. (and others). Note that et al. is not italicized in text citations.
- For in-text citations with three or more authors that start with the same primary author and have
  the same publication date, either add the first two authors or include a shortened version of the
  work's title; e.g.:
  - o (Schonen, Baker, et al. 2024) and (Schonen, Brooks, et al. 2024)
  - (Schonen et al., "Tilting at Windmills," 2024) and (Schonen et al., "Gasoline Farmers,"
     2024)

# **Books**

**New:** Location of publication is no longer needed for book citations.

### One author

#### **Reference List**

Horn, Michiel. 2009. York University: The Way Must be Tried. McGill-Queen's University Press.

In-Text Citation: (Horn 2009, 271)

### **Two authors**

#### **Reference List**

Coates, Colin M., and Geoffrey Ewen. 2012. *Introduction aux études canadiennes: Histoires, identités et cultures*. Presses de l'Université d'Ottawa.

**In-Text Citation:** (Coates and Ewen 2012, 241-51)

### Three or more authors

For books with three or more (and less than six) authors, all names should be fully cited in the reference list. For in-text citations with **more than two authors**, only the name of the first author is used, followed by et al. (and others). Note that "et al." is not italicized in text citations. For works with more than six authors, only the first six need to be fully cited in the reference list; the rest of the names can be replaced by the phrase "et al."

### **Reference List**

Eisen, Mitchell L., Jodi A. Quas, and Gail S. Goodman, eds. 2002. *Memory and Suggestibility in the Forensic Interview*. L. Erlbaum Associates.

**In-Text Citation:** (Eisen et al. 2002, 42)

### **Corporate author**

If a publication issued by an organization, association, or corporation carries no personal author's name on the title page, the organization is listed as author in a reference list, even if it is also given as publisher.

#### **Reference List**

University of Chicago Press. 2017. The Chicago Manual of Style. 17th ed. University of Chicago Press.

**In-Text Citation:** (University of Chicago Press 2017, 23)

## **Multiple editions**

### **Reference List**

Dickason, Olive Patricia. 2010. A Concise History of Canada's First Nations. With William Newbigging. 2nd. ed. Oxford University Press.

In-Text Citation: (Dickason 2010, 42)

### **Edited book**

#### **Reference List**

Hird, Myra J., and George Pavlich, eds. 2012. *Questioning Sociology: Canadian Perspectives*. 2nd ed. Oxford University Press.

In-Text Citation: (Hird and Pavlich 2012, 179)

## **Book chapter**

**New:** The page range for the chapter within a book, anthology, or collection of essays is no longer needed.

#### **Reference List**

Wong, Kin Ho. 2011. "A Gay Actor with Multiple Scripts: Impression Management Strategies to Comply with Traditional Chinese Family Norms." In *Skeletons in the Closet*, edited by Aysan Sev'er and Jan Trost. Wilfred Laurier University Press.

In-Text Citation: (Wong 2011, 126)

## **Book published by author**

**New:** The phrase "published by the author" (abbreviated "pub. by author" in a note) is now preferred over "self-published."

#### Reference List

Hammel, Sara. 2021. The Strong Ones: How a Band of Civilian Women Made Their Mark on the Army. Published by the author.

In-Text Citation: (Hammel 2021, 121)

## E-book (downloaded)

Electronic formats don't always carry stable page numbers. In lieu of page numbers, you can include the chapter or section title. Sometimes a suitable URL based on a DOI may not be available. In this case, list the name of the commercial database or format consulted (e.g. Kindle), rather than the URL.

#### **Reference List**

Fallis, George. 2007. *Multiversities, Ideas and Democracy*. University of Toronto Press. ProQuest Ebook Central.

In-Text Citation: (Fallis 2007, 29-30)

# E-book (published with URL)

For citing the online book version, URLs should be persistent and based on the item's DOI number where possible.

#### **Reference List**

Antokoletz, Elliot. 2008. *Musical Symbolism in the Operas of Debussy and Bartok*. Oxford University Press. https://doi.org/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780195365825.001.0001.

**In-Text Citation:** (Antokoletz 2008, chap. 2)

# **Articles**

When citing articles, cite the specific page numbers you use in the text. Cite the full page range for the article in the reference list.

# E-journal (from a database, with a DOI)

Include a URL based on a DOI. If there is no DOI, then use the form of the URL that is provided with the article.

#### **Reference List**

Heller, Monica. 2007. "Langues, communauté et identité : Le discours expert et la question du français au Canada." *Anthropologie et sociétés* 31, no. 1: 39-54. <a href="https://doi.org/10.7202/015981ar">https://doi.org/10.7202/015981ar</a>.

In-Text Citation: (Heller 2007, 42)

## E-journal (from a database, with a URL/permalink)

### **Reference List**

McDonald, Steve, Nan Lin, and Dan Ao. 2009. "Networks of Opportunity: Gender, Race, and Job Leads." *Social Problems* 56, no. 3: 385–402. https://www.istor.org/stable/10.1525/sp.2009.56.3.385.

In-Text Citation: (McDonald et al. 2009, 386).

# Journal article, print

### **Reference List**

Paul, Rodney Joseph, and Andrew Weinbach. 2011. "Determinants of Attendance in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League: Role of Winning, Scoring and Fighting." *Atlantic Economic Journal* 39, no. 3: 303-11.

**In-Text Citation:** (Paul and Weinbach 2011, 307)

# Magazine article, print or online

For a magazine article consulted online, include a URL at the end of the citation. Specific page numbers may not be indicated for online articles but should be cited if available. It is usually sufficient to cite newspaper and magazines articles entirely within the text. If a reference list entry is needed, repeat the year of publication with the month and day to avoid any confusion.

#### **Reference List**

Gladwell, Malcolm. 2011. "The Tweaker." New Yorker, November 14, 2011.

Text Citation: (Gladwell 2011, 35)

# **Newspaper article, print**

### **Reference List**

Gagnon, Lysiane. 2012. "The Protesters' Fellow Travellers." Globe and Mail, May 21, 2012.

In-Text Citation: (Gagnon 2012)

## **Newspaper article, online**

### **Reference List**

Brody, Jane E. 2007. "Mental Reserves Keep Brain Agile." *New York Times*, December 11, 2007. <a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2007/12/11/health/11brod.html?pagewanted=all&r=0">http://www.nytimes.com/2007/12/11/health/11brod.html?pagewanted=all&r=0</a>.

**In-Text Citation:** (Brody 2007)

# **Course Materials & Unpublished Presentations**

## Online lecture slides (eClass, Canvas, etc.)

#### **Reference List**

Sloniowski, Lisa. 2020. "Lecture 1. EN 1950: Beyond Google: Research Methods in English Studies." Slides from lecture at York University, Toronto, ON, January 11, 2020. eclass.yorku.ca/pluginfile.php/1811393/mod\_page/content/18/EN%201902%20Week%201% 202021.pptx.

In-Text Citation: (Sloniowski 2020)

### **Course kits**

The Chicago Manual of Style, 17<sup>th</sup> ed. does not provide instructions on how to cite course-related material. This is just one possible format to follow. We suggest that you check with your instructor.

### **Reference List**

Vernon, Karina. 2020. *Black Civility: Black Grammars of Protest on the Canadian Prairies 1905-1950.*Course kit for HUMA 3315: Black Literatures and Cultures in Canada, compiled by Andrea Medovarski, York University Bookstore, 2020: 131-144.

In-Text Citation: (Vernon 2020, 135-37)

# Papers or Posters, unpublished

To cite a paper or poster presented at a meeting, include format, location (if applicable) and full date with day and month. If available online, include a URL. Parentheses (used in previous editions) no longer enclose information about the presentation.



#### **Reference List**

Harper, David G. 2012. "The Several Discoveries of the Ciliary Muscle." PowerPoint presentation, 25th Anniversary Meeting of the Cogan Ophthalmic History Society, Bethesda, MD, March 31, 2012.

In-Text Citation: (Harper 2012)

# **Web Pages**

Chicago requires an access date in citations of websites and other sources consulted online **only if no date of publication or revision can be determined from the source**. In those cases—that is, when only an access date is used—record n.d. as the date of publication in the reference list and in-text. A comma is used before n.d. in an in-text citation.

### **Entire website**

#### **Reference List**

Canadian Observatory on Homelessness. n.d. The Homeless Hub. Accessed January 7, 2022. <a href="https://homelesshub.ca/">https://homelesshub.ca/</a>.

**In-Text Citation:** (Canadian Observatory on Homelessness, n.d.)

# Web page, authored

Place the title or specific page of a website in quotation marks.

## **Reference List**

Sci.Fi.Brarian. 2016. "Representations of Libraries and Librarians in Popular Culture,
Particularly Science Fiction and Fantasy." THE SCI-FI-BRARIAN Science fiction,
information science, and other assorted geekery, 27 Feb. 2016.
<a href="https://scifibrarian.com/2016/02/27/representations-of-libraries-and-librarians-in-popular-culture-particularly-science-fiction-and-fantasy/">https://scifibrarian.com/2016/02/27/representations-of-libraries-and-librarians-in-popular-culture-particularly-science-fiction-and-fantasy/</a>.

**In-Text Citation:** (Sci.Fi.Brarian 2016.)

### Web page, no author or date

#### Reference List

The ArQuives. n.d. "Our Team." Accessed January 7, 2022. https://arquives.ca/about/team.

**In-Text Citation:** (The Arquives, n.d.)

# **Blog Post**

It is often sufficient to cite blog posts, like newspaper and magazine articles, entirely within the text. If a reference list entry is needed, **repeat the year of publication with the month and day to avoid any confusion**.

#### **Reference List**

Bowen, Victoria. 2022. "A Book of the Week: Flora of the Colosseum of Rome." *Through the Revolving Door: Fisher Blog.* Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, University of Toronto Libraries. February 17, 2022. <a href="https://fisher.library.utoronto.ca/fisher-blog/ia-book-week-flora-colosseum-rome">https://fisher.library.utoronto.ca/fisher-blog/ia-book-week-flora-colosseum-rome</a>.

In-Text Citation: (Bowen 2021)

# Web page, archived

If a webpage is no longer available but has been preserved in a web archive—such as the *Wayback Machine*—include the original URL (if available) as well as the link for the archived version.

#### **Reference List**

"Academics." n.d. Howard University. <a href="https://howard.edu/academics">https://howard.edu/academics</a>. Archived October 19, 2023, at <a href="https://web.archive.org/web/20231019175606/https://howard.edu/academics">https://web.archive.org/web/20231019175606/https://howard.edu/academics</a>.

**In-Text Citation:** ("Academics," n.d.)

# **Generative AI**

When citing generative AI content, any information about the AI content not included in your text should be placed in a parenthetical citation. Only include these citations in your reference list if you have a publicly available link to the exchange. **New**: The reference list includes the AI developer or organization as the author, the AI model as the publisher, and the date the text was generated. For in-text citations, use the AI model.

### **Reference List**

OpenAI. 2024. Response to "Explain the impacts of ChatGPT on academic integrity." ChatGPT, February 20, 2024, <a href="https://chat.openai.com/share/37b2f30b-4540-478c-9aca-7309b650921e">https://chat.openai.com/share/37b2f30b-4540-478c-9aca-7309b650921e</a>

In-Text Citation: (ChatGPT, February 20, 2024)

If you haven't included the prompt in the text of your paper, you must include the prompt in the in-text citation.

**In-Text Citation:** (OpenAI, response to "Explain the impacts of ChatGPT on academic integrity," February 20, 2024)

## **AI Generated Digital Image**

Credit AI generated images with a "figure" description below the image similar to ones used for illustrations and tables. If you include it as an entry in a reference list, use the generative AI format recommended above.

### **Reference List**

Canva. Image generated from the prompt "An ornate bookshelf with a portal into another dimension." Free Online Image Generator. April 23, 2025.

https://www.canva.com/design/DAGlfN7tsdk/biVhEAnThHzfq85EMEBQQg/view?utm\_content=D

<u>AGlfN7tsdk&utm\_campaign=designshare&utm\_medium=link2&utm\_source=uniquelinks&utlId=h6de3a143a7</u>

### **Figure Notes**

Fig. 3. Image generated by Canva Free Online Image Generator, April 23, 2025, from the prompt "An ornate bookshelf with a portal into another dimension."

# **Encyclopedias**

For certain reference works—particularly those with substantial, authored entries—it may be appropriate to cite individual entries by author, much like contributions to a multi-author book. These citations may be included in a reference list.

### **Print**

#### **Reference List**

O'Reilly, Andrea, ed. 2010. "Aboriginal mothering." In *Encyclopediα of Motherhood.* Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

In-Text Citation: (O'Reilly 2010)

### **Online**

### **Reference List**

Pallardy, Richard. n.d. "Elizabeth May." In *Encyclopaedia Britannica Online*. Accessed June 28, 2021. <a href="http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/1472176/Elizabeth-May">http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/1472176/Elizabeth-May</a>.

In-Text Citation: (Pallardy, n.d.)

# Wikipedia

For Wikipedia, use the URL for the archived version of the page which is accessible by selecting the "view history" tab and clicking on the most recent date.

### **Reference List**

Wikipedia. 2021. "Lester B. Pearson." Last modified December 13, 2021. https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Lester\_B.\_Pearson&oldid=1060167477

**In-Text Citation:** (Wikipedia 2021)

# Film & Media

Citations for multimedia content usually include some or all of the following elements: the name of the person primarily responsible with their designation (creator, director, etc.), title of the work, names of additional contributors, date, location, format, and a URL for online sources. **The order of these elements depends on the nature of the source, whether a part or the whole is cited, and whether a particular contributor is the focus.** Whom to list as "author" depends on the focus of the citation and is

a matter of authorial discretion.

### Film

### **Reference List**

Gunnarsson, Sturla, dir. 2010. Force of Nature: The David Suzuki Movie. National Film Board of Canada. <a href="https://www.nfb.ca/film/force-of-nature-the-david-suzuki/">https://www.nfb.ca/film/force-of-nature-the-david-suzuki/</a>.

In-Text Citation: (Gunnarsson 2010)

### **TV Series**

### **Reference List**

Butt, Brent, creator. 2005. Corner Gas. Season two. PrairiePants Productions. DVD.

In-Text Citation: (Butt 2005)

# **TV Series Episode**

#### **Reference List**

Storey, David, dir. 2004. *Corner Gas.* Season 1, episode 6, "World's Biggest Thing." PrairiePants Productions. Aired February 25, 2004, on CTV.

**In-Text Citation:** (Storey 2004)

## YouTube Video

#### **Reference List**

Trudeau, Justin – Former Prime Minister of Canada. 2019. "Speech from the Throne 2019." Streamed live December 5, 2019. YouTube video. <a href="https://youtu.be/KLHQAi36sZk">https://youtu.be/KLHQAi36sZk</a>.

In-Text Citation: (Trudeau 2019, 31:04)

# **Digital Image**

### **Reference List**

Morey, Hal. 1930. Sun Beams Into Grand Central Station. Photograph. Gettyimages Gallery. gettyimagesgallery.com/images/sun-beams-into-grand-central-station/

**In-Text Citation:** (Morey 1930)

## **Poetry & Plays**

Classic English poems and plays can often be cited by book, canto, and stanza; stanza and line; act, scene, and line; or similar divisions. **New**: For reference lists, the page number range for a poem or play within an anthology is not needed.



### **Poem**

#### **Reference List**

Coward, Noel. 2011. "To a Maidenhair Fern." In *The Complete Verse of Noël Coward*, edited by Barry Day. Methuen Drama.

In-Text Citation: (Coward 2011, 72, lines 1-2.)

# Play, stand-alone

### **Reference List**

Shepard, Sam. 1981. *True West*. Nelson Doubleday.

**In-Text Citation:** (Shepard 1981, 9, act 1, scene 2)

# Play, in collection or anthology

#### **Reference List**

Jung, Hansol. 2017. "Cardboard Piano." In *Contemporary Plays by Women of Color: An Anthology,* edited by Roberta Uno. Routledge.

In-Text Citation: (Jung 2017, 24)

# **Government Documents**

For Canadian legal and government documents, The *Chicago Manual of Style* refers users to the *Canadian Guide to Uniform Legal Citation* (commonly known as the *McGill Guide*). The *Chicago Manual* provides specific information depending on what type of government document you are citing: bill, statute, legal case, debate, treaty, etc., and so you must review either the *McGill Guide*, or the *Chicago Manual* for rules and examples of other document types. In general, for government agency reports:

- Cite government documents or reports under the departments, units, or agencies (i.e. 'corporate authors'), followed by the year of the document. If there are personal contributors e.g. prepared by John Smith, list them after the title, followed by the document number.
- The publisher and author should be recorded as they appeared when the document was originally published, do not amend the name to their current title or department title.
- Government document titles appear in italics.
- Include paper numbers for in-text citations (if available).
- Include the publisher if it is different from the author.

# **Authored report, online**

### **Reference List**

Hurley, Mary C. and Jill Wherret. 1999. *In Brief: The Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples*. Library of Parliament, Parliamentary Research Branch. Revised August 2, 2000. https://publications.gc.ca/site/eng/299876/publication.html.



**In-Text Citation:** (Hurley and Wherret 1999, 2)

# **Government agency report, online**

#### **Reference List**

British Columbia. Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation. 2009. New Relationships with Aboriginal People and Communities in British Columbia: Annual Report on Progress, 2008-2009. http://www.llbc.leg.bc.ca/public/pubdocs/bcdocs2010/463710/2008 09.pdf

In-Text Citation: (British Columbia, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation 2009, 15)

# **Indigenous Knowledge**

New: If the source of information is an Indigenous Elder or other Indigenous Knowledge Keeper, acknowledge the authority of the Traditional Knowledge and Oral Traditions passed down through Indigenous Knowledge Keepers by including as much information as is available.

#### **Reference List**

Last Name, First Name (Traditional Name). Year. Nation/community. Treaty territory. Where they live. Topic/subject of communication. Mode of communication [e.g. Interview], month, day.

McAdam, Francis Saysewahum (Okank-chinohiwin). Nêhiyawak. Treaty 6. Saysewahum, Big River First Nation. Life before and after treaties. Oral history testimonial, May 1, 2020. https://www.nccie.ca/knowledge-space/indigenous-governance/francis-mcadam/

**Text Citation:** (McAdam 2020)

# **Indirect Citations**

## One author quoting another

Writing "quoted in" is generally discouraged, but if the original source is not available, both the original and the secondary source must be listed. Mention the original author and date in the text, then cite the secondary source in your reference list, not the primary source.

#### **Reference List**

Kirsch, Edith W. 1991. Five Illuminated Manuscripts of Giangaleazzo Visconti. Pennsylvania State University Press. <a href="https://hdl.handle.net/2027/heb.04026">https://hdl.handle.net/2027/heb.04026</a>

### **In-Text Citation:**

In Elisabeth Pellegrin's La bibliothèque des Visconti et des Sforza, ducs de Milan, au XVe siècle from 1955 (quoted in Kirsch 1991)...

For more detailed information on citing all types of sources using Chicago Style, use the complete style guide: *The Chicago Manual of Style Online*, 18<sup>th</sup> ed., 2024.

